WHEREAS, Latest National Safety Council statistics indicate that sixteen million six hundred thousand auto accidents occurred in this country in 1973, resulting in fifty-five thousand eight hundred deaths; and,

VHEREAS, Forty-six thousand two hundred auto accident fatalaties were reported nationwide in 1974; and,

WHEREAS, A 1969 report on turnpike accidents estimates eleven per centum of all fatal accidents involve some kind of vehicle defect; and,

WHEREAS, Auto safety inspection standards are not uniform in all fifty States; and,

WHEREAS, Car maintenance is as essential a factor in accident prevention as skillful driving; and,

WHEREAS, The lag in new-car sales due to the state of the economy this year places greater emphasis on the need for auto maintenance than in the past; and,

WHEREAS, Awareness of the critical impact of effective car care on the safety of our highways and the conservation of energy will encourage attainment of these goals; and,

WHEREAS, The United States Senate on March 20, 1975 unanimously passed S. J. Res. 57 urging that National Car Care Month be observed during May of this year:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 1975, as

CAR CARE MONTH

in South Dakota, and call upon the people of this State and interested groups and organizations to observe that month with appropriate activities and efforts to maximize read safety by encouraging conscientious care and maintenance of automobiles.

in Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Scal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 14th day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy - Five

ATTEST:

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE